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RUSSIAN IMMIGRANT INDICTED FOR EXPORTING PROTECTED ARTICLES

United States Attorney Paul I. Perez today announced the recent unsealing of a three count Superseding Indictment of GRIGORIY BORISOVICH KHAVIN, also known as Gregory Khavin, age 32, of St. Petersburg, Florida, for the offenses of exporting defense articles and restricted commerce without a license, violations of Title 22, United States Code Section 2778(b)(2) and Title 50, United States Code Section 1702. Mr. Khavin, a Permanent Resident Alien from Russia, is facing a maximum punishment for each count of the Superseding Indictment of imprisonment for up to 10 years, 3 years supervised release, and a fine of up to \$250,000.

Count One charges Khavin with exporting a TEMPEST Thinkpad Computer and two TEMPEST Laser Jet Printers, defense articles requiring a license and written approval from the United States Department of State Office of Defense Trade Controls to export, of a total value of \$14,031.50, to Moscow, Russia, between March 22, 2000, and May 13, 2000. Count Two charges Khavin with exporting a Portable Receiver Enhanced Version, a Panoramic Display Unit, and a Preselector, defense articles requiring a license and written

approval from the United States Department of State Office of Defense Trade Controls to export, of a total value of \$88,843, to Moscow, Russia, between September 1, 2000, and October 28, 2000. Count Three charges Khavin with exporting an Antenna Measurement System and option package extending the frequency coverage, of a total value of \$160,372.38, to Moscow, Russia, between January 28, 2000, and May 27, 2000, without first having obtained the required authorization from the United States Department of Commerce.

An Indictment is merely a formal charge that a defendant has committed a violation of the Federal criminal laws, and every defendant is presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty.

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Donald L. Hansen, Computer Technology Crimes Coordinator for the United States Attorney's Office in Tampa.